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SUBJECT: KAUNDA'S RETURN

1. SUMMARY. WELCOMED BY UNUSUALLY LARGE AIRPORT CROWD OF AROUND 4,000, PRESIDENT KAUNDA RETURNED YESTERDAY MAY 8 FROM 22-DAY US-CARIBBEAN-LISBON TRIP. KAUNDA ADDRESSED HIS PEOPLE LESS ON PURPOSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF TRIP THAN ON HIS CONCERNS ABOUT FAILURE IN ZAMBIA TO IMPLEMENT HUMANISM TO BRING TO AN END EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN. HE TOUCHED ON THE THEME IN BRIEF REMARKS AT AIRPORT, SAVING ELABORATION FOR HIS ADDRESS AT CUTOMARY NAKATINDI HALL RECEPTION THREE HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL. AT LATTER OCCASION AND, WITH NO LITTLE EMOTION, HE EXCORIATED CAPITALISM, ONE OF HIS "ENEMIES", FOR ITS DELIBERATE DISTORTION OF CHRIST'S TEACHINGS, TESTIFY EXPLOITATION OF MEN AND, AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE, DESCRIBED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMMUNISM (THE CHINESE BRAND IN PARTICULAR) AND HIS OWN HUMANIST PHILOSOPHY AS BEING QUESTION OF BELIEF IN GOD.
END SUMMARY.

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2. IN PREPARED WELCOMING REMARKS, PARTY SEC GEN GREY ZULU DESCRIBED US POLICY IN AFRICA AS "UNCLEAR AND STILL IN THE MAIN NON-EXISTENT", FACT THAT HAS GIVEN ZAMBIA AND OUA "A LOT OF WORRY". ZULU CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT FOR EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAD SPOKEN OUT AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER AGAINST LACK OF "POSITIVE" US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ZULU CAREFUL TO STRESS THAT PRESIDENT'S CRITICISM OF US POLICY WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICAN PEOPLE WHOSE "WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP" HE ACCEPTED. REFERRING TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY'S DIRECT FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON TO HAVANA AS "TURNING POINT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND CUBA", ZULU SAID EVERYTHING NOW DEPENDS ON WHETHER US ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EVENT IN LONG TERM INTERESTS OF PEACE IN CARIBBEAN.

3. SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY BOTH AT AIRPORT AND AT NAKATINDI HALL, PRESIDENT FIRST MADE CLEAR HE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED EVERYWHERE WITHOUT EXCEPTION, RECEPTION IN HAVANA ESPECIALLY HAVING BEEN "FANTASTIC". RE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, HE EXPLAINED IT HAD COME AFTER LONG HIATUS BECAUSE OF US VIETNAM POLICY AND ZAMBIAN DISAPPOINTMENT OVER US ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. (KAUNDA DID NOT DWELL ON THIS POINT.) HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECY KISSINGER HAD BEEN VERY GOOD; IT HIS IMPRESSION BOTH MEN ARE "HONEST" AND "SINCERE"; HE HAD GOTTEN ZAMBIA'S VIEWPOINT ACROSS, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN IMPROVED, AND HE HOPED SOMETHING POSITIVE WOULD RESULT. HE SAID HE AND HIS DELEGATION HAD OF COURSE LEFT THE US FULLY REALIZING IT WAS CITADEL OF CAPITALISM.

4. GIVING EQUALLY BRIEF TIME TO HIS OTHER STOPS, INCLUDING A "THREE-HOUR STATE VISIT" TO HAITI, AND UNDERSCORING CUBA'S SUCCESS DESPITE YEARS OF "CONTINUING US ATTACKS, INCLUDING PHYSICAL ATTACKS", HE SAID DETAILS OF TRIP WOULD BE REPORTED TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND GOVT.

5. PRESIDENT SPOKE OF KINGSTON MEETING AS "COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE WITH A DIFFERENCE." LEFTIST PHILOSOPHY NOW PREDOMINATED IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND THEY MUCH MORE OF A MIND ABOUT MAJOR ISSUES. HE HAD PARTICULAR PRAISE FOR AUSTRALIA'S WHITLAM IN THIS CONTEXT. PRESIDENT DID NOT DISCUSS SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF CONFERENCE.

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6. KAUNDA THEN CAME TO HIS MAIN PURPOSE, TO WHICH HE DEVOTED MAJOR PORTION OF HIS REMARKS. TO WARNING BY ONE COMMONWEALTH LEADER AT KINGSTON (LEE KUAN YEW?) ABOUT CHINESE INTENTIONS, KAUNDA SAID HE HAD RESPONDED COMMUNISM NOT REALLY NEW. ITS TEACHING IS SAME AS CHRIST'S, THE ORIGINAL REVOLUTIONARY, EXCEPT FOR BELIEF IN GOD. CHRISTIANITY HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY CORRUPTED, PARTICULARLY BY CAPITALISTS WHOSE

SOLE INTEREST IS MONEY, TO JUSTIFY EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN.
HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN REVOLUTIONARY IN CHRISTIAN SENSE
LONG BEFORE HE HAD HEARD OF MARX. HIS REVOLUTIONARY
PHILOSOPHY EXPRESSED IN HUMANISM ENJOYS WIDE ACCEPTANCE
WELL BEYOND ZAMBIA. HE BORE DOWN HARD ON FAILURE OF
ZAMBIANS TO IMPLEMENT IT.

7. KAUNDA BECAME QUITE EMOTIONAL--AND, IN A WAY,
MESSIANIC--AS HE SPOKE, THOUGH HE WAS ALWAYS VERY MUCH
IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF. THERE WERE A FEW TEARS BUT JUST
BRIEFLY. HIS REMARKS WERE GENERALLY RECEIVED POLITELY
BY HIS LISTENERS--ROUGHLY 400 LEADING UNIP AND GOVT
OFFICIALS PLUS THE HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. THE
PRESIDENT WAS DEADLY SERIOUS AND STERN THROUGHOUT;
HUMILITY WAS NOT IN EVIDENCE; HE ALLOWED HIMSELF UNUSUALLY
LITTLE HUMOR--IN FACT, PRACTICALLY NONE--AND HIS AUDIENCE
DEPARTED IN A RELATIVELY SOBER MOOD.
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